

LCS CONOPS

Backup Slides

CSG/ESG Operations

Composition of Strike Groups:

- Expect 2 to 3 LCS ships with a CSG or ESG.
- Deployment tasking drives LCS mission configuration.
- Configuration complements CSG & ESG combatants.
- Commander determines LCS configuration.

ASW Mission Package:

- Short range direct path sonar.
- SH-60 for ISR, search, kill.
- Integrated with multi-static sensors.

MIW Mission Package:

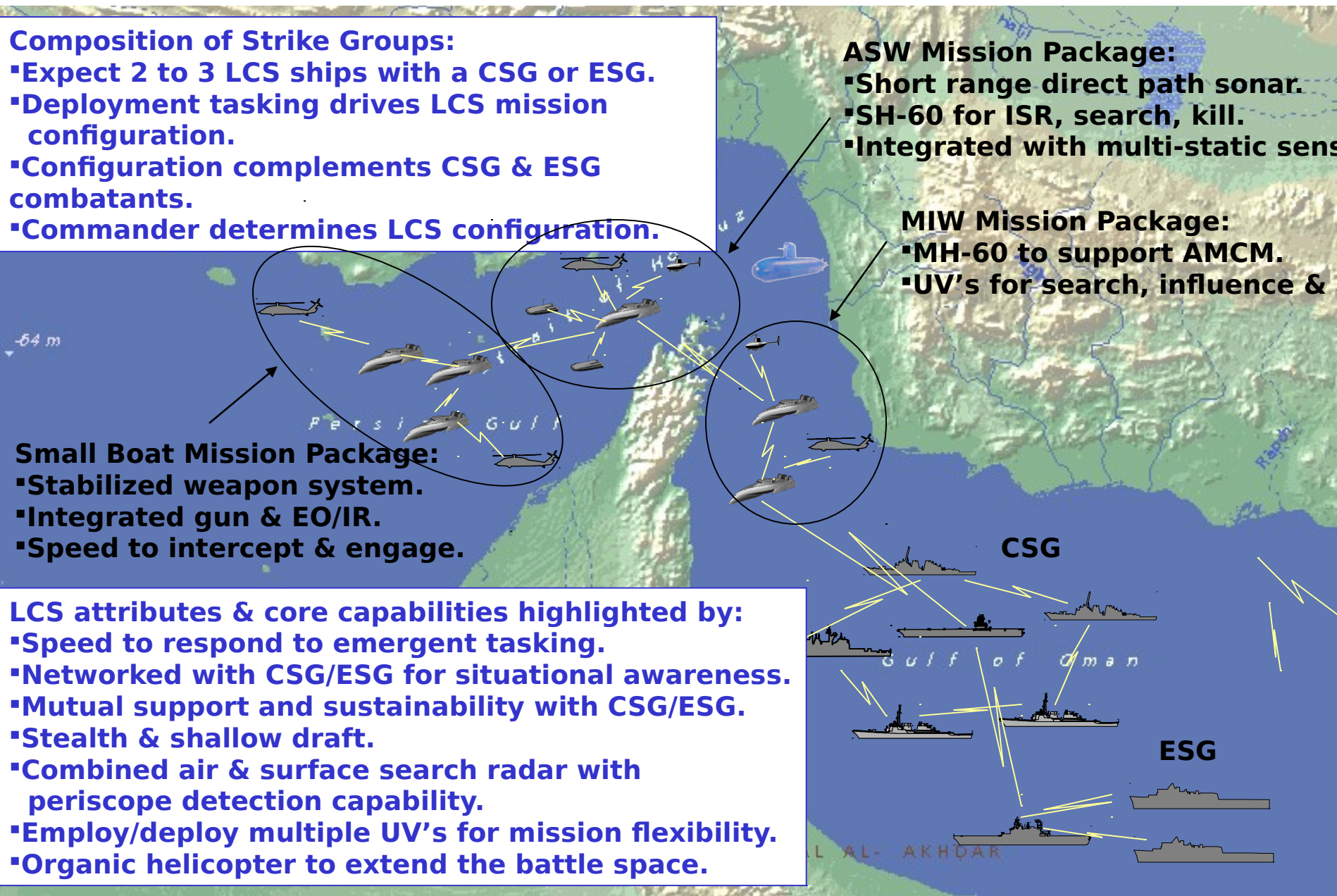
- MH-60 to support AMCM.
- UV's for search, influence & kill.

Small Boat Mission Package:

- Stabilized weapon system.
- Integrated gun & EO/IR.
- Speed to intercept & engage.

LCS attributes & core capabilities highlighted by:

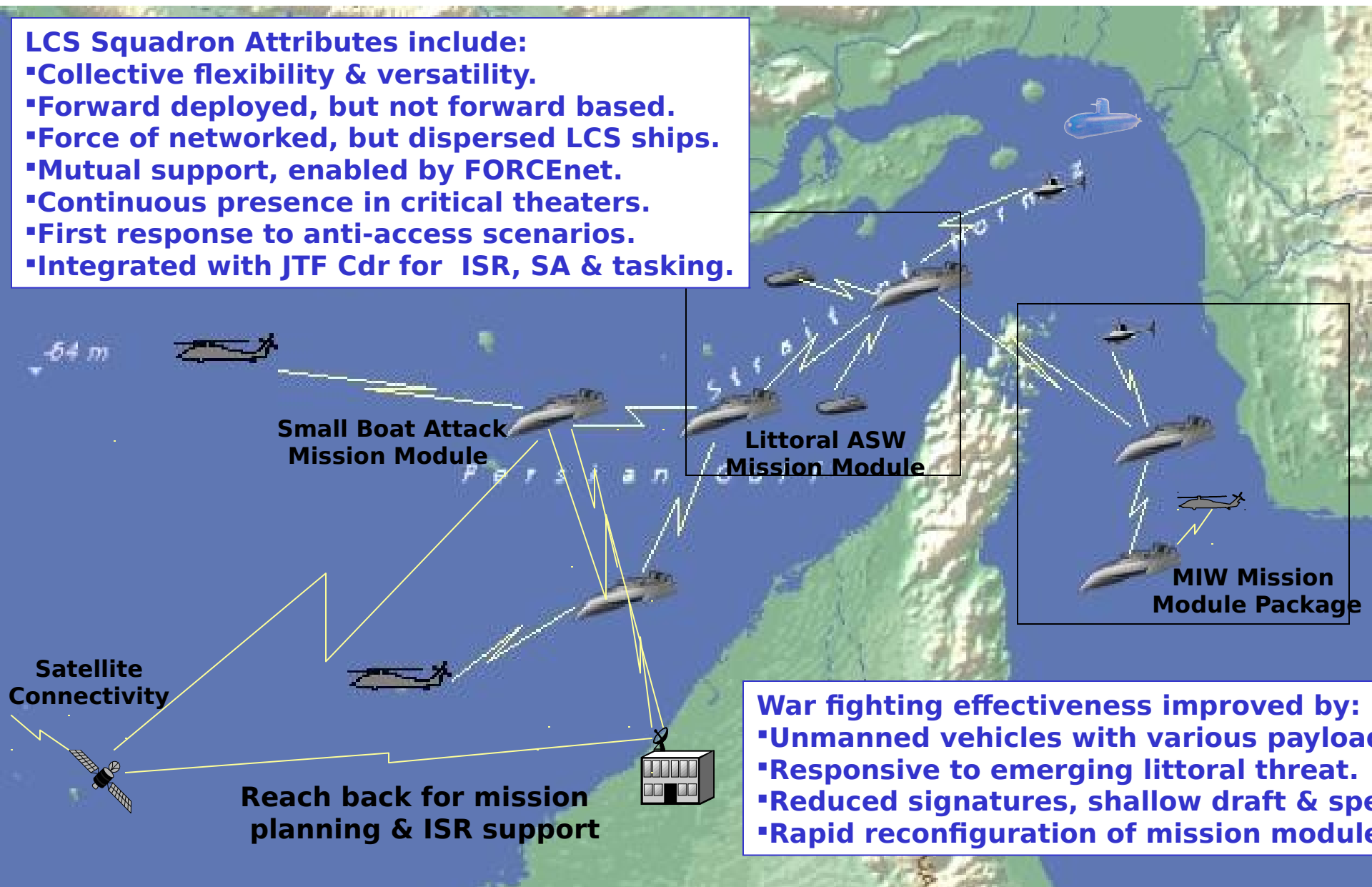
- Speed to respond to emergent tasking.
- Networked with CSG/ESG for situational awareness.
- Mutual support and sustainability with CSG/ESG.
- Stealth & shallow draft.
- Combined air & surface search radar with periscope detection capability.
- Employ/deploy multiple UV's for mission flexibility.
- Organic helicopter to extend the battle space.



LCS Squadron Operations

LCS Squadron Attributes include:

- Collective flexibility & versatility.
- Forward deployed, but not forward based.
- Force of networked, but dispersed LCS ships.
- Mutual support, enabled by FORCEnet.
- Continuous presence in critical theaters.
- First response to anti-access scenarios.
- Integrated with JTF Cdr for ISR, SA & tasking.



War fighting effectiveness improved by:

- Unmanned vehicles with various payloads
- Responsive to emerging littoral threat.
- Reduced signatures, shallow draft & speed
- Rapid reconfiguration of mission modules

Independent LCS Operations

LCS in the autonomous role provides:

- Flexibility to execute its Mobility mission
- Continuous presence & persistent ISR
- Flexibility to cover contingency missions

Mobility mission role includes:

- Insertion/extraction of:
Army, USMC & SOF personnel
- Movement of cargo & personnel
- Logistics support to operations ashore
- Replenishment of LCS force

**Cueing via
Global
Hawk**

MPA (MMA)

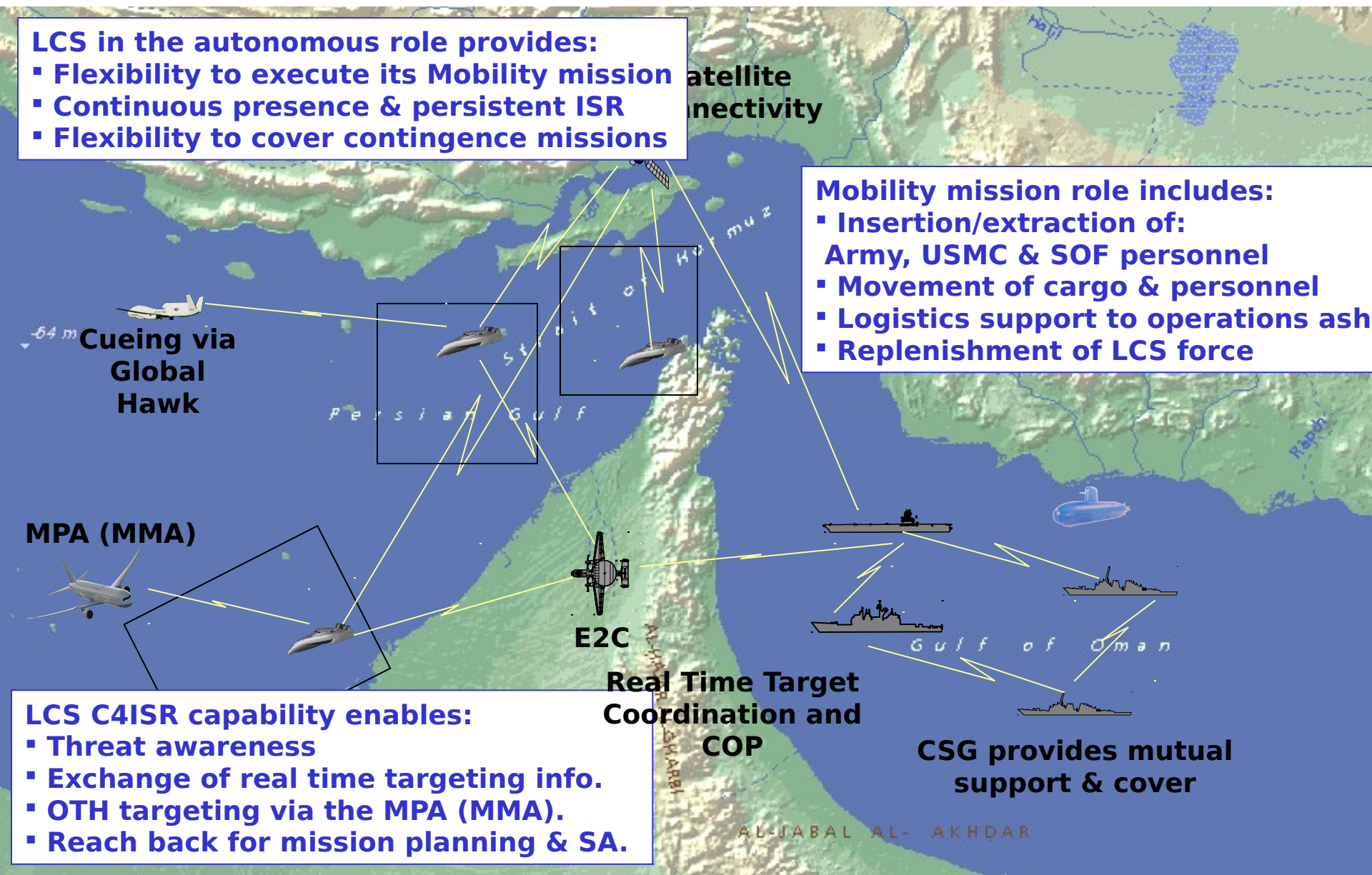
E2C

**Real Time Target
Coordination and
COP**

**CSG provides mutual
support & cover**

LCS C4ISR capability enables:

- Threat awareness
- Exchange of real time targeting info.
- OTH targeting via the MPA (MMA).
- Reach back for mission planning & SA.



Core “Sea Frame” Capabilities

Fleet Warfighters say...

CONOPS
Overview

- ✓ **Common Hull, Mechanical & Electrical**
- ✓ **Common Mission Module Support Systems (Interfaces)**
- ✓ **Proven Propulsion System**
- ✓ **Sprint Speed 50 Knots**
- ✓ **Alongside replenishment capability**
 - ✓ **Refueling/rearming/stores**
- ✓ **Radars/Sensors**
 - ✓ **Combined air, surface & periscope detection capability**
 - ✓ **Integrated EO/IR capability**
- ✓ **Organic manned helicopter**
- ✓ **Night Vision compatible**
- ✓ **Survivability & signature management**
- ✓ **Shallow draft**
- ✓ **Integrated Comm/CIC**
- ✓ **HSI / automation**
- ✓ **Off board system handling /**

- ✓ **Common architecture (data & displays)**
- ✓ **Multi-modal (Common) work stations**
- ✓ **C4 Capability for on board and reach-back for mission planning & tasking**
- ✓ **Self-defense capability against:**
 - ✓ **Air, surface & subsurface**
 - ✓ **ESM for target correlation & warning**
 - ✓ **Speed, agility, maneuver, network**
- ✓ **Weapons suite options that include:**
 - ✓ **Stabilized gun & missile systems**
 - ✓ **ASW weapons & decoys**
 - ✓ **Non-lethal options**
- ✓ **Fire control system**
 - ✓ **Integrated with EO/IR sensor**
 - ✓ **Automatic target designation**

LCS Littoral ASW Mission

Potential Mission Requirements

- Airborne surveillance and weapons systems
- Towed body, multi-static and non-acoustic sensor(s)
- USVs equipped with:
 - Active/passive sonars
 - Sonobuoys
 - UUVs
 - Torpedoes
- C4ISR allowing LCS to be fully netted with its off-board sensors.
- Organic ASW weapons, and non-lethal systems

Employment

- Lay down USW sensor grid
- ASW prosecution
 - Contested waters
 - Choke points
- Barrier ops/maintain operating area
- Direct support to CSG/ESG
- Create access in concert with other USW sensors and forces (Surface Combatants/MPA/SSN)
- Collateral support to MCM mission
- Common operational picture

Littoral ASW Mission

THREAT

Submarines

High Endurance
Diesels

Low Radiated
Noise

Low Doppler

Higher Ambient
Noise

False Targets

High
Reverberation

BAMs or
UCAV-N

MPA (MMA)

CSG

SSN

LCS ASW architecture enables:

- Monitor multiple sonobuoys simultaneously
- Receive cueing and I & W from multiple sources
- Reach back for mission planning, METOC, Intel, analytic support & data fusion
- Disseminate target info location
- Manage the search and prosecution mission

LCS

- Ex mission
- Organic helicopter
- Cueing for other platforms by using:
 - Radar with periscope detection capability
 - Organic Helicopter
 - Integrated sensor info from multiple
 - Link/connectivity to:
 - CG-DDG ASW SAG
 - MPA (MMA)
 - SSN
- Real-time connectivity for re-tasking

MPA (MMA)

CG/DDG
ASW SAG

LCS MIW Mission

Potential Mission Requirements

- MH60S to support AMCM
- UUVs for search and ID mines and min- like objects
- USVs sensors and influence sweeps for limited neutralization.
- UAVs for ISR and Comm relay.
- Support platform for naval special clearance teams

Employment

- Establish undersea awareness
 - Bottom mapping
 - Q route sanitization
 - Common Undersea Picture (CUP)
- Interdiction of hostile mine layers
 - Coordinated engagement with CSG
 - Use off-board systems to detect mine-laying events
- Use UVs and AMCM for search, map and limited neutralization
 - Flexibility to conduct opposed MCM missions or work with dedicated forces

Littoral MIW Mission

Threat

Acoustic,
Bottom,
Contact,
Magnetic,
Moored,
Pressure,
Surface
mines

BAMs or
UCAVn

Naval Base

Mines

USVs

USVs

USVs

MPA (MMA)

CG/DDG SAG

Reach back
Satellites

SSN

CSG

LCSMIW architecture enables:

- Monitor UVs, offboard sensors simultaneously
- Receive cueing and I & W from multiple sources
- Reach back for mission planning, METOC, Intel, analysis and data fusion
- Disseminate & use target info location
- Manage search and mine neutralization

LCS cod

- Area M mission

helicopters & remote UVs

- MIW sensors can be deployed from on-board t
- Search, bottom mapping and survey mission s
- All sensor search coordinated with;
 - Surface Combatant SAG
 - MPA (MMA)
 - SSN
- Mine avoidance & neutralization
- Common operational picture
- Real-time connectivity for re-tasking

Prosecution of Small Boats

Potential Mission Requirements

- High speed for interception, screening and self defense
- MH-60R with radar and missiles
- UVs with search, track and ID
- UVs to lay sensors, conduct ISR missions and cooperate with Helos for prosecution
- Deployable acoustic and RF sensors to provide early warning
- Weapon system for point defense and area engagement
- Deception

Employment

- LCS/UVs deploy early warning sensors
- Offensive/FP operations in support of Sea Basing
- Helos/UAVs ID & target small boats
- Coordinated operations for interception, deception, distraction, screen and breakup of threat
- Mutual support to LCS MIW/ASW mission taskings
- Operate in support of CSG/ESG in SUW mission role

Counter Small Boat Mission

Threat

Bog-hammers
Cigarette boats
Fast patrol boats
Missile attack boats

Naval Base

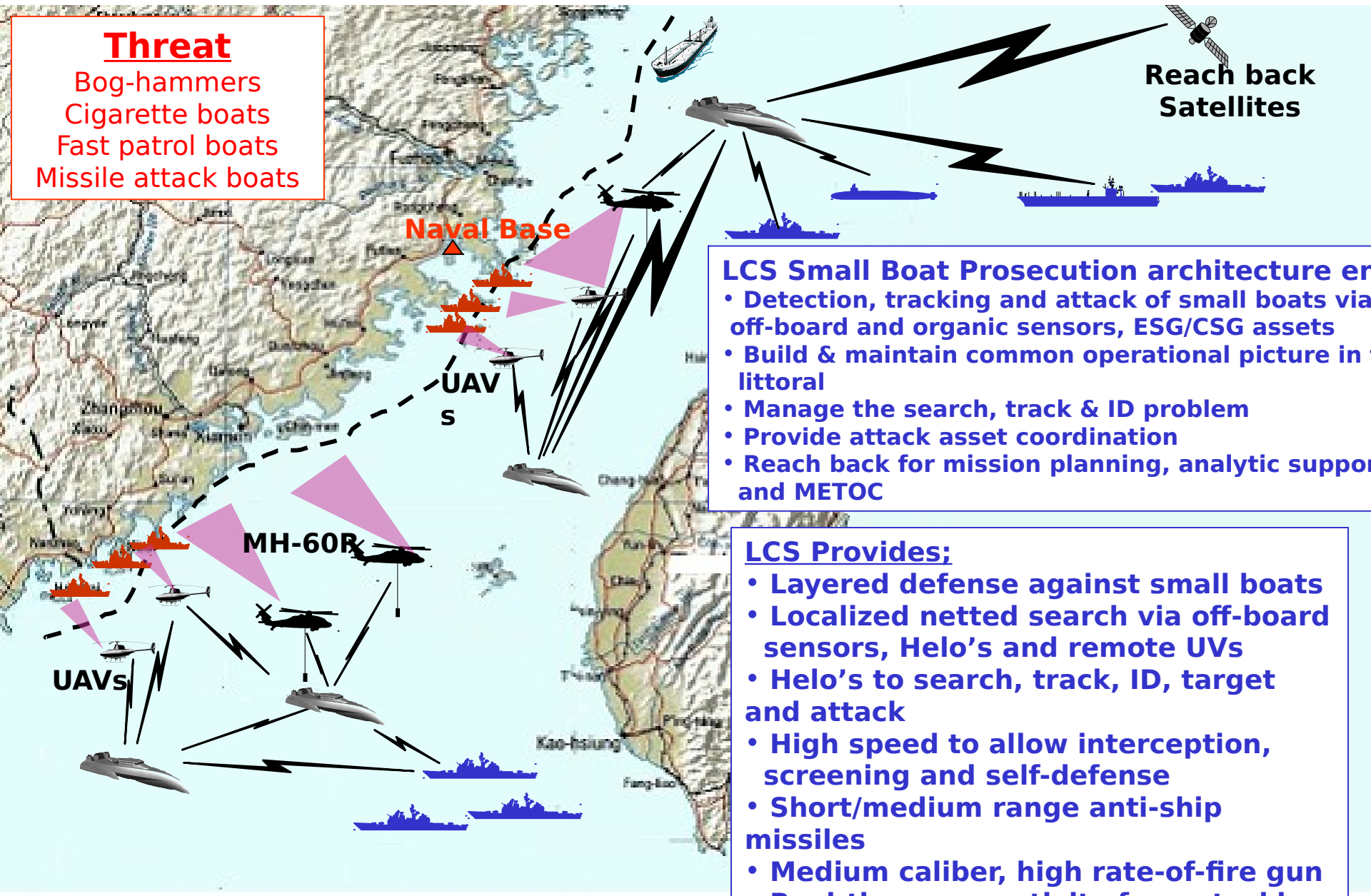
Reach back
Satellites

LCS Small Boat Prosecution architecture en

- Detection, tracking and attack of small boats via off-board and organic sensors, ESG/CSG assets
- Build & maintain common operational picture in littoral
- Manage the search, track & ID problem
- Provide attack asset coordination
- Reach back for mission planning, analytic support and METOC

LCS Provides;

- Layered defense against small boats
- Localized netted search via off-board sensors, Helo's and remote UVs
- Helo's to search, track, ID, target and attack
- High speed to allow interception, screening and self-defense
- Short/medium range anti-ship missiles
- Medium caliber, high rate-of-fire gun



LCS Mobility Missions

Mission Requirements

- Berthing/storage areas for personnel/weapons/ammo
- Full C4ISR connectivity for planning, briefing, reach back
- Launch/recover/support/sustain variety of manned and unmanned vehicles
- Day/night helo/UAV operations
- Flexible payload area for:
 - USMC maneuver element
 - USN logistics/replenishment
 - SOF support package
 - MIO package
 - Force Protection package
 - Medical package
 - NEO/HA package

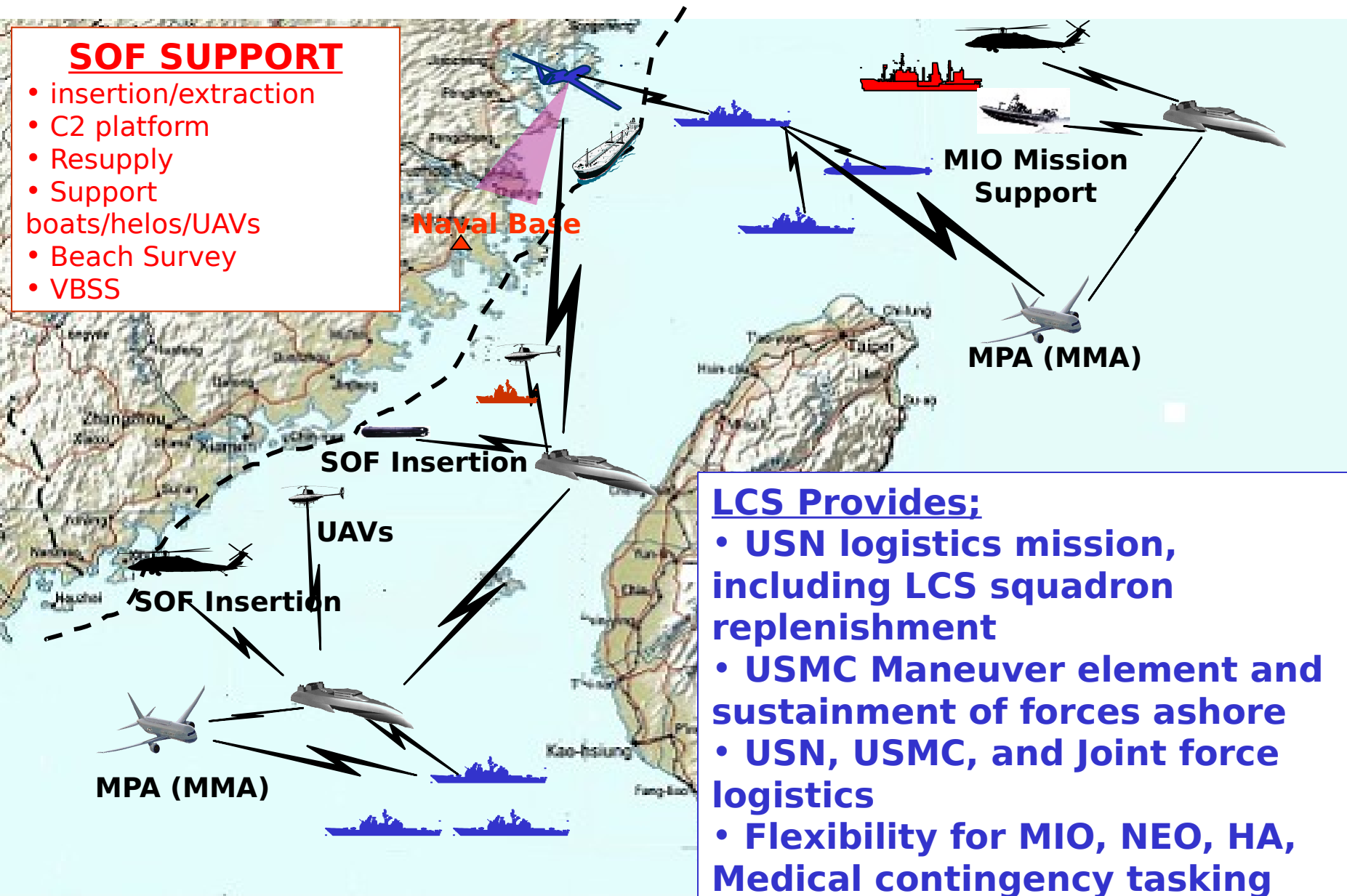
Employment

- Maneuver element for USMC STOM
- USN logistics and replenishment
- SOF support missions include insertion, recon, CSAR, resupply, emergency extraction
- Reconfiguration gives flexibility for diverse missions from USMC maneuver element to medical evacuation
- Mission packages include helos, boats and unmanned vehicles necessary for transport, ISR or force protection
- Replenishment of sister ships in LCS squadron

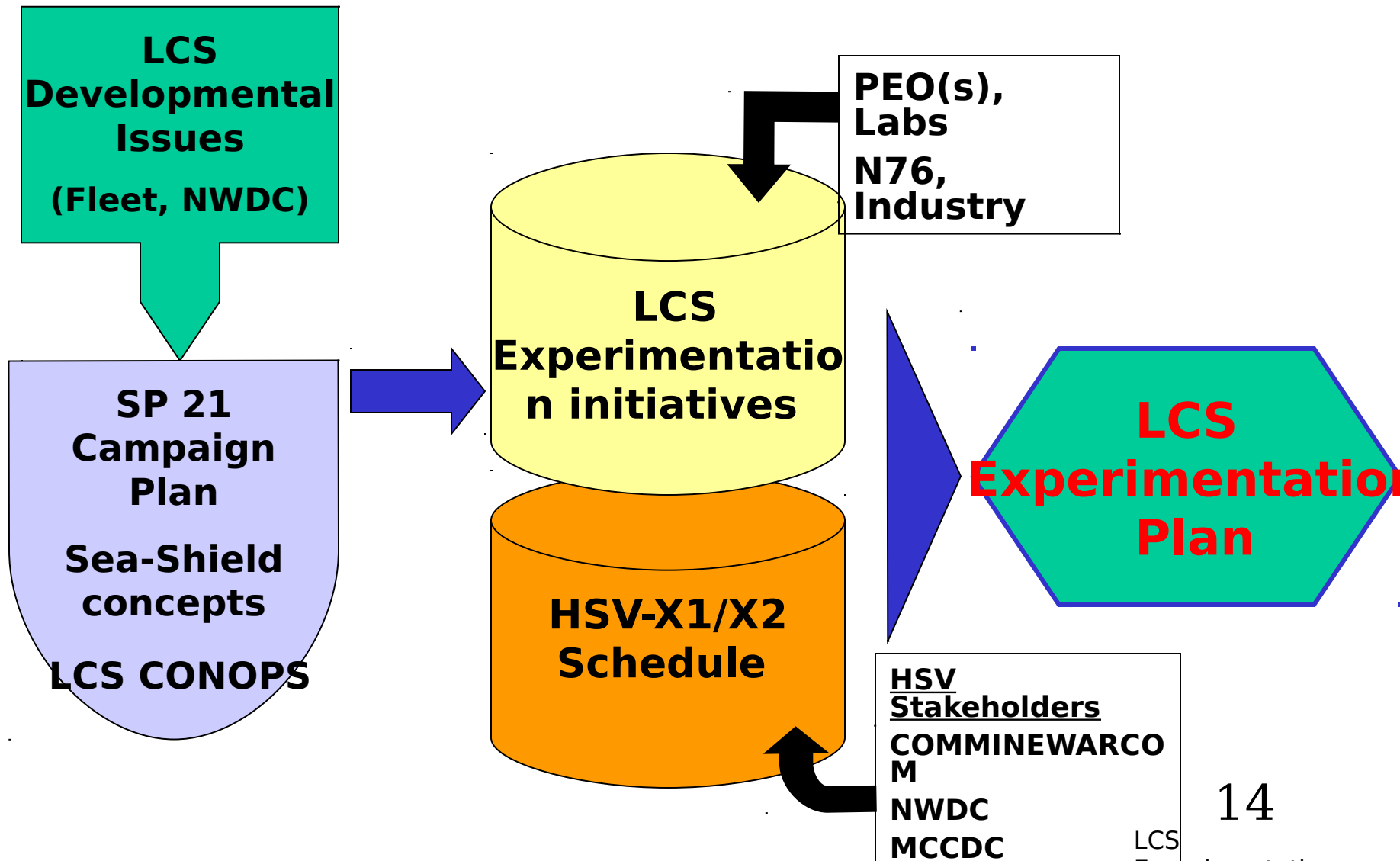
LCS Mobility Mission

SOF SUPPORT

- insertion/extraction
- C2 platform
- Resupply
- Support boats/helos/UAVs
- Beach Survey
- VBSS



LCS Concept-Based Experimentation



CONCEPTS

Sea Shield

CONCEPT-BASED EXPERIMENTATION INITIATIVES FOR LCS

Homeland Defense

Assured Access

Joint
Aerospace
Defense

Littoral
Sea Control

Deploy, manage,
exploit, refuel,
replace, reposition,
recover and redeploy
(DMER5) a range of
off board and organic
systems

Employ modular,
flexible mission
sensing, weapons
and network
capabilities

Deploy the associated
platforms and network
necessary to employ off
board systems

Deploy and sustain
forces
to deny the enemy the
ability to gain access
to
U.S. or allied power
projection battlespace.

Deploy forces to
conduct covert and
clandestine
battlespace
environmental and
operational
characterization

Maximize
deployment of
unmanned systems
in assured access
operations

Synergize access and
power projection
forces in creating and
sustaining access

Manage forces with
an access-centric
command and
control structure and
architecture

Provide analysis and
decision aid tools to
permit determination
of the level of access
at a given point,

Develop/Evaluate
LCS Mission
Packages and
CONOPS for
ASW, MIW, SUW
missions

LCS EXPERIMENTATION INITIATIVES (PARTIAL)

Evaluate LCS/HSV
in roles as host
platform for
experimentation

Evaluate various
LCS modular
aviation packages
to enable LCS
missions

Develop/Evaluate LCS
Mission Packages and
CONOPS for frequently
conducted mobility
missions.

Conduct vulnerability
evaluations
examining
susceptibility,
survivability and
recoverability

Determine
necessary
battlespace
environmental
characterizations for
all LCS missions

Determine LCS
capabilities/options re:
organic vs. modular
sensors and weapons.

Analyze LCS
compatibility,
interdependence and
integration with ESG
and CSG across
mission areas

Assured
Presence

In-port
Force
Protection

On-shore
Force
Protection

To be Developed
with USMC

LCS EXPERIMENTAL INITIATIVES

- **PLATFORM ATTRIBUTES**

- Develop/demonstrate/improve LCS systems/ processes to employ and manage OBS in all mission areas (C-MULT-004/5/7).
- Conduct LCS vulnerability evaluations (C-MULT-003).
- Determine the operational and tactical benefits of speed in littoral access and mobility missions (C-MULT-002).

- **FLEET INTEGRATION**

- Analyze LCS compatibility, interdependence and integration with ESG and CSG across mission areas (G-MULT-002).
- Determine LCS OPCON/TACON relationships, including new C2 structures at the force level (H-MULT-001).¹⁶

LCS EXPERIMENTAL INITIATIVES

- **LCS MISSION PACKAGES**

- Develop/Evaluate LCS Mission Packages and CONOPS for ASW, MIW, SUW AND MOBILITY missions (A-ASW-005/MIW-002/SUW-002/MULT-008).
- Compare the utilization of seaborne, modular C2 platforms with utilization of purpose-built platforms across all mission areas (B-MULT-002).

- **OFF BOARD SYSTEMS (OBS)**

- Develop, test, and evaluate OBS Launch and Recovery CONOPS (C-MULT-010).

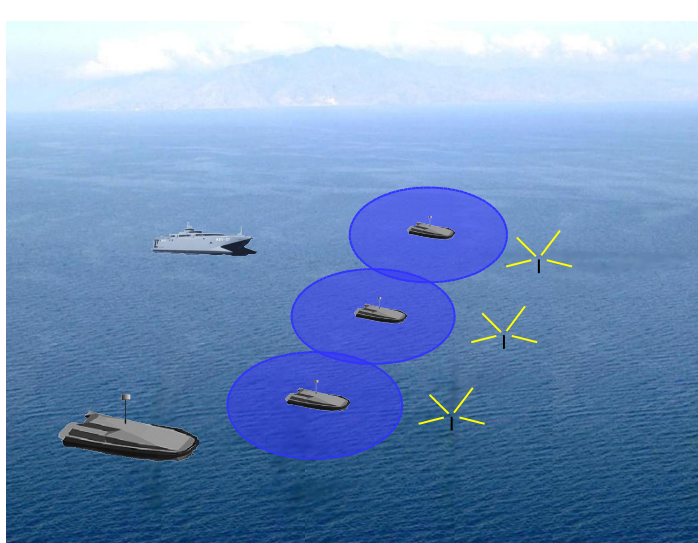
- **AVIATION CAPABILITY**

- Evaluate various LCS modular aviation packages to enable LCS missions (A-MULT-002).

- **ORGANIZATIONAL**

- Evaluate LCS human systems integration to reduce manning required (C-MULT-012).

LCS ASW MISSION PACKAGES / CONOPS



Concept: LCS ASW CONOPS

ID: 01.01.01.XX.XX.XX.XX.01

Level of examination: Operational and Tactical

Base: Operations, Conceptual, Technology

Type(s): Data Gathering, Exploratory, Comparison (Tech only)

Venue(s): Research initially, but all venues must be visited

Associated Technologies: TBD

Initiative Description:

Design and evaluate LCS mission packages and CONOPS for ASW

- Deploying and exploiting ASW sensors /arrays
- Network, data and sensor node(s)
- Processing data from distributed sensors / arrays
- ASW UV deployment in the littoral

Operational Focus Areas:

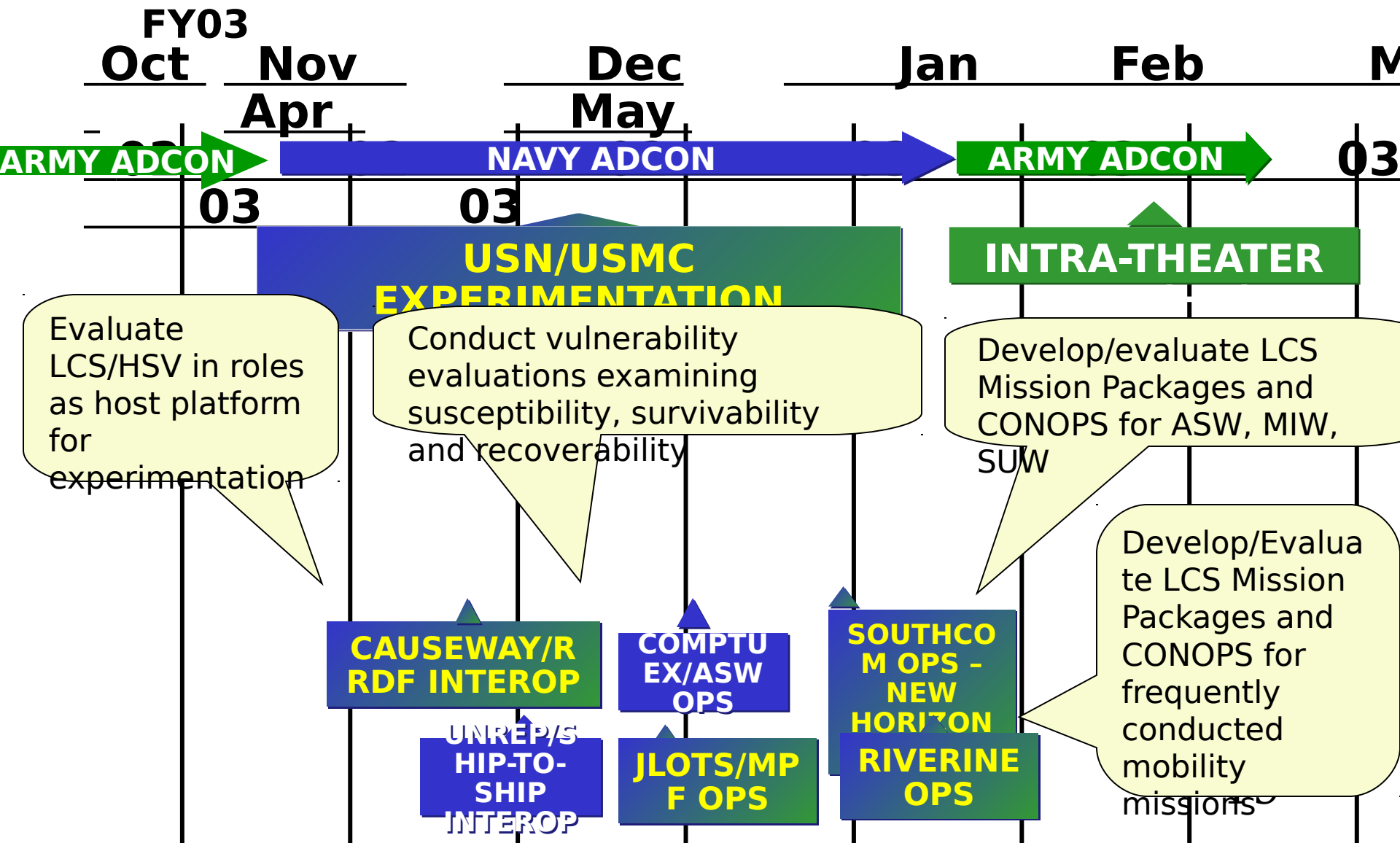
- .01 Evaluate the load out maximizing sensors and weapons based upon the threat and desired level of access (area coverage), and desired sustainment
- .02 Evaluate LCS platform with other ASW forces
- .03 Explore data retrieval, processing, and sharing
- Sensor lay down options and water space mgt.

Tactical Focus Areas:

- .04 DMER5 procedures, timelines, and tactics for sensor, vehicles, and weapons deployment
- .05 Consider technology options that are available and still need to be developed
- .06 Autonomous sensor behavior (mobile vs. fixed)
- .07 Explore network, data, and sensor nodes

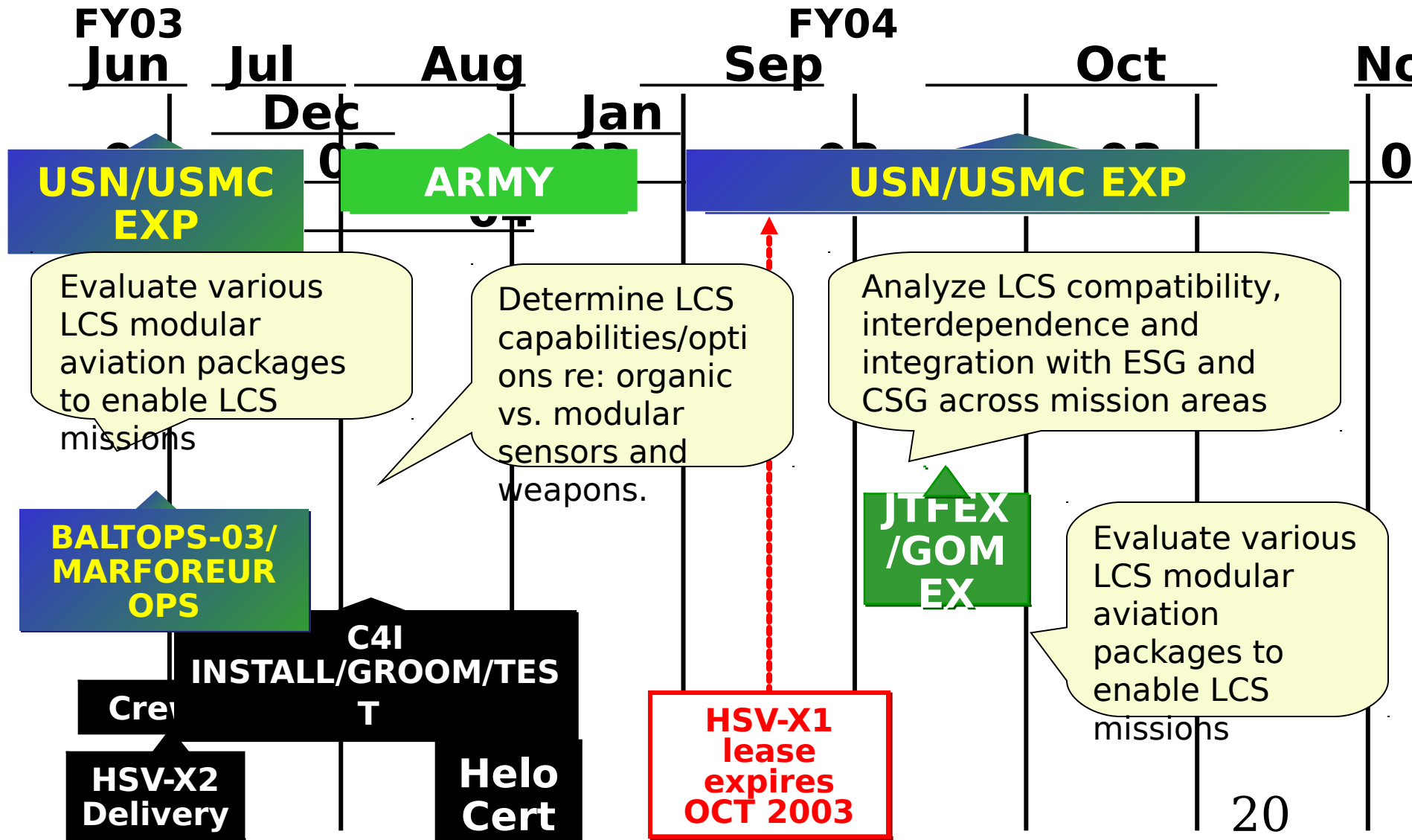
Notional HSV-X1 Schedule

Showing LCS Exp. Initiatives



Notional HSV-X1/X2 Schedule

Showing LCS Exp. Initiatives



Industry Guidance (Core)

- **Self Defense Gun - CIWS Block 1B**
- **Self Defense Missile - RAM**
- **Self Defense Countermeasures - NULKA**
- **Sensors - Advanced Surface/Air Search Radar, Electro Optical Sight System**
- **C² - CEC (receive only) and Link 16**
- **Aviation Assets: AH-58D**

Industry Guidance (Core)

System/vehicle	System/Vehicle weight (kg)	System/Vehicle Dimensions	Power Requirements
Weapon Systems			
Mk 15 CIWS Block 1B Gun Mount	6,577	12.2 sq m	73 kW max, 10 kW continuous
CIWS support	877	10.9 sq m	
Mk 31 RAM Guided Missile System Launcher, above deck	5,187	9.6 sq m	35 kW
RAM, below deck	907	1.0 sq m	12.5 kW
Mk 53 Mod 4 Decoy Launch System (4 NULKA-SRBOC & 2 SRBOC launchers)	10,159	14.7 sq m	500 W
Offboard Vehicles, Manned Aviation:			
AH 58D (each folded)	2,359	10.3m x 2.8m x 3.9m	
Hangar with support for 2	2,400 (excluding hangar)	137 sq m	
Payload (2)	771		
Fuel (2)	14,528		
Command & Control Systems (antennas not included)			
LINK 16 (CDLMS & JTIDS)	1,624	4.2 sq m	10.5 kW
AN/USG-2(V) CEC (Receive only)	1,600	5.4 sq m	17.1 kW

Industry Guidance (Modules)

- **Manned Aviation - MH-60R/S**
- **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles - VT-UAV
Fire Scout**
- **Unmanned Surface Vehicles - Remote
Minehunting System (RMS, AN/WLD-1(V)
and Spartan)**
- **Unmanned Underwater Vehicles - Long
Term Mine Reconnaissance System
(LMRS)**

Industry Guidance (Modules)

System/vehicle	System/Vehicle weight (kg)	System/Vehicle Dimensions	Power Requirements
Manned Aviation Systems			
MH 60R (based on MH 60S, each folded)	10,660	13.1m x 3.37m x 4.07m	45 kW
Hangar with support for 1	11,000 (excluding hangar)	100 sq m	
Payload	381		
Fuel	54,341		
Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)			
VT-UAV Firescout (each folded)	1,157	7.6m x 1.75m x 2.87m	5kW 28 V DC starting
Hangar plus support for 3	900 (excluding hangar)	100 sq m	
Payload (3)	272		
Fuel (3)	9,080		
Unmanned Surface Vehicles (USVs)			
Remote Minehunting System (RMS) AN/WLD-1(V)1	5,829	7.6m x 1.75m x 2.87m	Load- 66 kW, 450 Amps for .8sec start up
Existing RMS Handling (potential starting point for RMS and/or other USV, UUV)	10,954	23.7 sq m	
Support	3,960		
Payload	454		
Fuel	6,810		
SPARTAN USV (based on 11 meter RHIB)	9,979	11.0m x 3.7m x 2.44m	16 kW
Launch, recovery, stow (est.)	9,979	60 sq m	
Support (est.)	5,100		
Payload	2,270		
Fuel	9,080		
Unmanned Underwater Vehicles (UUVs)			
LMRS (Long-term Mine Recon. System) each	1,225	6.1m x 0.5m x 0.5m	5 kW
Launch, recovery, stow (sub)	1,905	8.9 sq m	
Support for (2)	2,948		
Payload (2)	136		
Fuel (2)	Battery powered		